

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FISHING INDICATOR DEVICE

_____, the specification of which
(check ☐ is attached hereto.
one)

☒ was filed, with my authority, on 27 June 1997
as Application Serial No. PCT/AU97/00409
and was amended on 7 October 1997 and 13 November 1997.
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

And I hereby appoint JOSEPH A. GEMIGNANI, (Reg. No. 19,482), ROBERT E. CLEMENCY (Reg. No. 19,287), DAVID B. SMITH (Reg. No. 27,595), GLENN A. BUSÉ (Reg. No. 24,217), FRED WIVIOTT (Reg. No. 19,158), ANDREW O. RITERIS (Reg. No. 20,916), DAVID R. PRICE (Reg. No. 31,557), ROBERT S. BEISER (Reg. No. 28,687), BAYARD H. MICHAEL (Reg. No. 15,974), CASIMIR F. LASKA (Reg. No. 30,862), KENT S. BARTA (Reg. No. 29,042), ELIZABETH HUNT SCHOETTLY (Reg. No. 36,922), TIMOTHY M. KELLEY (Reg. No. 34,201), BILLIE JEAN STRANDT (Reg. No. 36,940), THOMAS A. MILLER (Reg. No. 36,871), JEFFREY D. HUNT (Reg. No. 38,189), and KEVIN P. MORAN (Reg. No. 37,193), 100 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4108, Telephone (414) 271-6560, and each or any of them, my attorneys or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of the foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed (Y/N)</u>
PO0958	AU	12/7/96	Y
PO4040	AU	6/12/96	Y

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending or abandoned)</u>
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The undersigned to this Declaration and Power of Attorney hereby authorize the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from Griffith Hack & Co., Australia, as to any actions to be taken in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the person(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the undersigned will so notify the U.S. attorneys.

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

I, as a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled
FISHING INDICATOR DEVICE

as described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☒ application serial no. PCT/AU97/00409, filed 27 June 1997
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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